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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

June 7, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JUDY BIGGERT to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord God, infinite and almighty, as Eternal Being You have no beginning, no end. In You there is no past or future; You are simply present.

Without a future, as a people we are doomed, depressed, and limited in creative imagining. Without a past, we are bereft of history, inexperienced and lost forever between success and failure.

Be as present to this Nation today as You were to our Founders. As the Creator and Providential Lord, guide the Members of the House of Representatives and all their efforts to uphold the Constitution and have it interface with present realities until true priorities arise as the Nation's agenda.

Stir within all Americans a solidarity that will always unite and never divide us. Renew in us a spirit that will enable this country to be a righteous leader into a bold future, shaping a new culture of collaboration and understanding for the 21st century.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 27, 2005.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on May 27, 2005 at 12:26 pm:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1760

That the Senate insists on amendment, agrees to conference H.R. 3

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 167

Appointments: Chair of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance Board of Director of the Office of Compliance.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH, *Clerk of the House.*

SUMMER AGENDA

(Mr. DELAY asked and was given permission to address the House.)

Mr. DELAY. Madam Speaker, this week the House will begin its summer session by hitting the ground running.

Between now and the August recess, the House will take up several major pieces of legislation that will touch every piece of our national agenda.

We will consider bills that will help us continue to fight and win the war on terror.

Among these security proposals will be a bill to reform the institution and the programs of the United Nations, to help begin to make it possible for this vital international organization to meet its global responsibilities.

We will also reauthorize the PATRIOT Act, the anti-terrorism legislation passed after 9/11 that has provided our law enforcement community with the tools they need to combat the unique threats presented by international terror.

We also hope to take up the final conference report on the long-overdue national energy policy that President Bush and the American people have been calling and waiting for since 2000.

By reducing our dependence on foreign oil, the energy bill will provide the United States greater flexibility in dealing with the tumultuous Middle East region, and it is a huge jobs-creation bill.

The energy bill will also empower our national economy, creating jobs and, over the long run, lowering gas prices for American consumers.

The long-awaited conference report on the highway funding bill, which we also hope to take up before the August recess, will improve our national infrastructure, provide greater mobility for the American people, and create millions of new jobs across our country.

Just as important to our economy as our infrastructure is international trade, which will be greatly enhanced in every region of our Nation and every sector of our economy by passage of the Central American Free Trade

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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